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Title: Scoliosis Treatment Using a Combination of Manipulative and Rehabilitative Therapy: A Retrospective Case Series

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Dear Reviewer,

All of the "Minor Essential Revisions" have been revised in the paper. Concerning the "other benefits to therapy" in the Results section, we could not confidently report those findings, since different forms of subjective outcome measures were used in the 3 different clinics. Therefore, it is difficult to choose one form over the other, as none of the 3 subjective outcomes would apply to the whole group.

I apologize for the initial omission of certain details regarding the radiographic analytical process. Although we did not obtain multiple practitioners to draw the Cobb angles, we did have a single physician redraw the lines independently of patient care and interaction. We felt this was a necessary step and we apologize for initially omitting this rather important detail.

For the "Major Compulsory Revisions," we revised Table 1 to include the gender and age of each patient at the time of care.

I do have a couple of questions about 2 of your suggestions. First, you said "The reference cited should be reduced to include only essential publications"

We feel that it is vitally important that the logic, postulates, and procedures used in this study be based upon previously published literature, and for the readers to understand that. We do not feel that this paper has excessive citings due to the relative lack of information available in the biomedical literature pertaining to this specific topic. However, if you still feel that this is an obstacle to publication, we would be happy to hear your suggestions on which references can be safely omitted.

Finally, it is difficult to put lines on the xrays for display purposes. Because of the difference in real life x-ray size compared to the digital photo, the lines on the drawings may be partially skewed. Therefore, if you like we would be more than happy to remove the lines on the x-rays for easier reader comparison. Feel free to email me as to what you would like me to do.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Morningstar